

ORIGINAL

Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MEETING

Date: April 5, 2012
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen (arrived at 6:02), P. Daley (arrived at 6:52 PM), C. Fox, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, R. Matthews, M. Wade and K. Zagursky

Members Absent:

Also Present: Louis McIntosh, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk and Maria Lewis, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER
FLAG SALUTE

President Wade called the public meeting to order at 6:00 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mr. Matthews 2 – Mrs. Zagursky
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:01 PM in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 5111, Article 7 and Subdivision E&F of the Laws of 1977 and Formal Opinion of Council No.239, Paragraph B to discuss the following checked item(s):

	Proposed, pending or current litigation;
	Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law
	The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
X	Matters leading to the tenure appointment of six persons;
	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
X	Other [specify] CSEA Grievances

7 Yes Motion Carried

Mr. Christiansen arrived at 6:02 PM.
Mr. Daley arrived at 6:55 PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mrs. Zagursky
The Board of Education exited Executive Session into Public Session at 6:56 PM.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Mr. Daley requested that the March 22, 2012 minutes be amended. He asked that the following statement be removed from the beginning of the minutes.

The Facilities Committee met at 6 PM. The Committee will recommend the Board appoint SEI Design Group for Capital Outlay Projects. The 5-year Plan will be presented to the Board after getting the architects feedback. Lyn Derway, Neil Haley, Paul Daley, Anthony Grab and Ryan Matthews were in attendance.

AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

1 - Mr. Daley 2 - Mrs. Fox

The Board of Education agrees to amend the March 22, 2012 Minutes:

- March 22, 2012 Regular Meeting

9 Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- March 22, 2012 Regular Meeting (as amended)

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. McIntosh informed the board that he met with the officers of the Booster Club as Mrs. Zagursky had requested at the March 22, 2012 meeting. The Booster Club agreed to work with the Athletic Director and High School Principal to coordinate fundraising activities for sports in the future.
- Mr. McIntosh updated the board as to two Public Hearings being held at the Town of Brunswick. The first being the proposed development of a plaza at the corner of Routes 2 and 278 and the second a request for a seasonal ice cream business at the Tamarac Plaza.
- Mr. McIntosh began the 2012-13 budget discussion with an estimate of state aid for the 2012-13 school year. He then discussed the following:
 - A revenue summary comparison
 - 2012-13 estimated budget summary including proposed reductionsHe also provided backup detail including a line item budget.
- Mr. McIntosh reminded the board that their next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, April 24, 2012 in order to accommodate the required vote on the Questar III Annual Budget.

Discussion ensued. The board agreed, by consensus, to leave the sports budget "as-is". They also agreed by consensus to use the \$100,000 proposed for Capital Project Outlays towards reinstating a position and that administration would make a recommendation on what to do with the remaining money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Andy Casale stated that it would irresponsible to use the \$100,000 earmarked for capital project outlays when it could be used to keep a position.
- Brian Fox voiced his opinion that it would be a huge disservice to the taxpayers of the district to cut Modified sports. He said that it is difficult to get kids interested in the Junior Varsity level of sports.
- Jennifer Girard stated that as many students are seen by two Art teachers in the High School as play sports.
- Karen Lederman told the board that the three Odyssey of the Mind teams that went to the state finals finished in the top ten.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Mr. Wade stated that after discussion with the Superintendent, it was too late to invite elected officials to visit school/attend a board meeting this year. Next January they will reach out to elected officials earlier in the budget process.
- The Board agreed to allow the Scholarship Committee to choose the two recipients of the Board of Education Service to School Award based upon the criteria set by the board.

BOARD ACTIONS

**Special Meeting
April 9, 2012**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education agrees to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Education for April 9, 2012. The meeting will begin at 7 PM and be held in the Brittonkill Meeting Room.

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Change to
2011-2012 Calendar**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following change in the 2011 - 2012 calendar. The district will be closed on May 25, 2012 instead of being a half-day for teachers and students.

9 Yes Motion Carried

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

**Election Machine
Administrators**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin O'Malley and Joseph Mele to serve as Election Machine Administrators for the Board of Education's Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote scheduled for May 15, 2012. Remuneration shall be at the rate of \$150 each for all services provided relative to the election process.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Election Personnel

1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Christiansen

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill), Rensselaer County, New York, has called an annual school district election of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 15th day of May, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual school district election; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill), Rensselaer County, New York, as follows: Mary DelGiacco, a duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the permanent chairperson of the annual school district election referred to in the preambles hereof.

The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual school district election, so that there shall be at least two inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat:

Peggy Calhoun	Sandra Chuhta	Mary Colaneri
Audrey Downey	Helen Godfrey	Maureen Gorman
Rose Kaschak	Joyce Lanoue	Madeline LeBarron
Marsha McGrath	Mark Morine	Patricia Norton
Cassandra Urganhart	Velma Wilson	

Alternates Marion Derby Shaine Kaschak Maureen Lynch and Lynn Merrills

Mary DelGiacco is hereby designated as chief election inspector.

Each inspector of election appointed for said annual school district election, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at an hourly rate of \$9.05 for time spent on the duties of his/her office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairman, inspectors of election and assistant clerks for said annual school district election.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

9 Yes Motion Carried

POLICY

**Revision to
Current Policy**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, approves the revisions to the following policy:

- #0110 Sexual Harassment (inc. regs)

9 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placements

**Special Education
Recommendations**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee and Sub-Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education dated 03/08/2012, 03/21/2012, 03/15/2012, 03/19/2012 and 03/20/2012:

768	P769	302	517	586	003	406	740	090	744	746
500	036	626	283							

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

Account Clerk/Typist

Retirement

Barbara Bender

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation and gratitude for 24 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Barbara Bender from her position as Account Clerk/Typist effective September 1, 2012.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Clerk

Retirement

Lynn Merrills

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation and gratitude for 13 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Lynn Merrills from her position as Clerk effective November 1, 2012.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Appointment of Substitutes

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following individual(s) as Substitute(s) in the area(s) indicated with the Brunswick Central School District, contingent upon Part 87 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations on fingerprint clearance requirements, effective April 6, 2012 (unless otherwise noted).

Name

Position

Nicole Heim

Non-certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day

Kathleen Deuel

Child Care Worker @ \$8 per hour

9 Yes Motion Carried

Coaching Appointment

Resignation

Jayne Bates

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jayme Bates from his position as Modified Track Coach with the Brunswick Central School District effective March 29, 2012.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Coaching Appointment

Modified Track

Whitney Colvin

1 -Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves, contingent upon Part 87 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations on fingerprinting clearance requirements, the appointment of Whitney Colvin as Modified Track Coach for the 2012 Spring Season at a salary per the current BTA contract.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Business/Finance

Contract Approval

SEI Design Group

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education approves a contract with SEI Design Group for the 2012-2013 Capital Outlay Project at the hourly rates indicated in their proposal with a "do not exceed" amount of \$5,000, exclusive of reimbursable expenses.

9 No Motion Rejected

Donations

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation, the following donation(s):

- \$120.00 from the Hannaford Helps Schools program for the Tamarac Elementary School

9 Yes Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Isaac Kautz , student, stated that he was in favor of keeping the Art and Music positions over sports as they would lead to more jobs for students.
- Marcy Smith, Pittstown, asked what was being cut from the High School curriculum. Mr. Pogue responded.

MOTION TO

ADJOURN

1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:27 PM.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS C. MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY






